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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

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CONTRACT AIR

This memorandum is to inform your Honorable Board that Contract Air (SuperScoop/Helitanker) was extended to December 31, 2013. Originally, the Erickson Air-Crane Helitanker was scheduled to be released on December 9, 2013 and the SuperScoopers on November 12, 2013.

Typically, Contract Air would be released after five inches of rainfall is received and a subsequent increase in live fuel moisture is recorded. However, to date both the Malibu area and the Santa Clarita Valley have received less than one inch of rain and live fuel moistures remain at critical levels.

The Department will continue to evaluate weather projections and provide an update by December 30, 2013.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (323) 881-6180.

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